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While you were here I made a dub of the Barbara-Phil phone-call tape and had a woman who is helping me transcribe it. As you will recall, his voice was very low and the quality was poor. Therefore, much cannot be made out from the dub. Having interviewed him, I think no useful purpose is served by carrying this further, as by having her go over the enclosed typescript from the original tape. For what it is worth, it is enclosed.

When I can I'll dub tapes of our interview with Barbara and have them transcribed. That, I think, will be more useful. It will be a little while before I can see her again, for there is now that much too much for me to do. But, I will.

When you get the transcription of the Boatright interview, please send me a copy. Lou was to phone the woman doing it and have her take it to him, directly.

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- A No; I believe these were, I think he was back in New Orleans.
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- A He was always inside the United States, that I recall.
- Q Was he ever in Florida?
- A Not to my knowledge - no (?)
- Q Oh, he's married, too.
- A Oh, really?
- Q Yes.
- A Well, I have not heard from him for a long time. Well, listen, he was living in Los Angeles and writing a () he worked as a writer for one of the () publications out there - - I've forgotten the name of it.
- Q Oh, try and think.
- A Well, I can find that out (?)
- Q Sort of like your job on the "Independent American"?
- A Uh, yeah, only they were ()
- Q Did you know that he published a book on Oswald?
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- Q Do you remember what his issue was?
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- Q Well, you said he was taking issue about what someone had said about Oswald.
- A No, ~~I don't think I recall~~ that I don't recall.
- Q But it was ~~an~~ a letter to the editor.
- A Yeah. POST, I think, or --
- Q You never read POST, do you?
- A No; I don't, ordinarily but I (
- Q Well, that was what you told me on the phone in New York that alerted me in the first place: that Thornley had written a letter praising the assassination of Kennedy. Was this ~~is~~ it?
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- Q Well, didn't you say to me that Thornley called Oswald "a heroic figure" or a "hero"?
- A I don't recall - - - I don't recall () I believe that he did say ()
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A Oh, wait a minute, wait a minute. Somebody in Chicago once wrote an article.

Q I saw an ad for it in WRITER'S DIGEST () about it. I don't think I've bought more than one copy of WRITERS DIGEST in three years but the one ~~Edmund~~ copy I bought () his book was coming out () the man, Weisberg, the one who was behind all of this Warren Commission investigation - re-investigation of the Warren Commission () but things have just sort of worked out I have worked, I talked to him once about a year and a half or two years about it () ~~Edmund~~ called me and wanted to come out to talk to me. He stayed all night long and covered a lot of ground which, I suppose, if they contact you they want to cover again. There're lots of things that I just don't remember that I thought possibly you would remember () and taking notes and being more of a correspondent.

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